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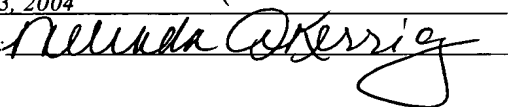
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following Amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on March 23, 2004. Accordingly, the Amendment is being filed along with a Petition for a one (1) month extension of time. Based upon the amendments and remarks set forth below, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.